FOR MYSORE STATE

HEALTH (1953) Department.

SERIES.

G.O. NO. 34

Dated 17th September, 1953.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Community Project--South Kanara District--Primary Centre at Bajpe-Medical Office--Appointment of--Orders passed.

Back Papers.

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Post Bajpe, S. Kanara,
Dated 28th July, 1953.

From

Dr. M. Rangappa Kamath, L. M. P.,
Post Bajpe, South Kanara District.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY 4 - AUG 1953 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MINISTER FOR HEALTH 3 AUG 1953 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To

The Hon'ble The Chief Minister,
42364 Fort St. George, M A D R A S .

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The Hon'ble The Minister of Public Health,
Fort St. George, M A D R A S .

SECRETARY 3 - AUG 1953 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Being aggrieved by a most unfortunate instance of singular injustice, and the utter denial of the fruits of my hard earned labour in village medical relief work, as well as social work all these 27 years, and as there is a serious reflection on the integrity of the Policy of the State Government regarding the Rural Medical Relief Scheme by G. O. (MS) No.2296, Health, dated 15th June, 1953, (copy enclosed) due to the intrustion of the Community Project Department in the sphere of State Medical Relief Scheme, I beg to submit that a reconsideration of G.O. (MS) No.2296, Health, dated 15th June, 1953, may kindly be made in the light of the following further representation:--

I have been the Rural Medical Practitioner in this place since 1926. Initiating the Rural Medical Relief Scheme the Government have definitely stated in G.O.No.1522 P.H. dated 22-10-1924 that the intention of the Scheme was to induce medical men to settle permanently in the villages to afford medical relief to the rural population and also to relieve unemployment among medical men. With this idea, and also to enable the settled medical men to earn a living, the Government also laid down a policy of not permitting the opening of a local fund, or Government Medical Institution, within a radius of five miles of a Rural Dispensary. They also went

further and adopted a Policy in G.O.No.358, P.H. dated 28th January, 1950 of not opening a Primary Health Centre in a place where a Rural Dispensary has been functioning well; and it was further stated that in case it was considered definitely desirable and necessary to open a Primary Health Centre in such a place, it could be done only if the concerned Rural Medical Practitioner could be taken in Government service, and not otherwise.

The mandatory orders issued by the Government from time to time clearly connote that it was the intention of the Government to fully safeguard the interests of the Rural Medical Practitioners for sacrifing their whole life in village medical work. With implicit faith in our Government orders, I ventured to put up a good building at very considerable personal sacrifice to locate the Rural Dispensary in an easily accessible place at the suggestion of successive District Medical Officers, and Presidents of District Board, as suitable buildings could not be had here. I would not have cared or even dared to invest money on a building in a village , (as the investment in villages on buildings is dead capital) but for the reasonable expectation, strengthened by various Government Orders, and the assurances of Presidents, District Board, and District Medical Officers, that I would not be disturbed from this place, or a rival institution started here.

When I came to know that the Community Project Department was opening a Primary Health Centre here, I made representations that I have put up my own building on the strength of assurances stated above. As the main object of the Community Projects, was not to start rival institutions, but only to give relief where there is none, and as there are many such places in this Block, I suggested that the Primary Health Centre could be located in such places. I also stated that by retaining a long standing Rural Dispensary

and giving me any additional facilities considered necessary to the local needs, if any, the vast Project Area would be better served. It is worth noting here that there was no demand or suggestion by anyone at any time to open a Regular Dispensary or a Primary Health Centre in this place as the medical relief given was considered adequate. Instead of considering this representation in the proper spirit, the Project Executive Officer hurriedly opened a Primary Health Centre here and a new man was posted to this place. It was not at all decided first, what was to be done to a well established institution. In no other sphere of their activities such as schools, societies, etc., the Project Officer has started any other institution as a rival one to the existing institutions. When the Project Executive Officer stated to some persons here that their scheme was spending huge sums of money, the tempting offers attracted round him some persons of new political parties, who thought that this was an opportune opportunity to serve their ends. It is very unfortunate that the fundamental privilege of making democratic representations of my case should have been misconstrued by a few as an act of hostility to their scheme whereas in actual practice persons like Members of Parliament of this area, M.L.A's., officials and non-officials who know me, and have come in contact with me will readily testify that it will be difficult to find a more loyal person than me to help sincerely the present Government in its policies and Projects. I further submit that due weight should have been given to the recommendations of the authorities under whom I served all these years and who alone can rightly give an opinion about me. When the Government in Memo No.10005 Pub. (C.P.II) 52-1 dated 22-12-52 asked the Project Executive Officer to ascertain the terms on which I would like to accept the post of the Medical Officer of the Primary Health Centre, it was hoped by all that the injustice done of opening a Primary Health Centre here would be set right by at least appointing

me as its Medical Officer. It is not known on what grounds it was turned down. If any misrepresentations have been made by anybody, it is only in a partisan spirit. The relationship between me and the general public have been very cordial all these years, and that relationship cannot now be adversely affected by the circumstance that a Community Project Primary Health Centre has been opened here.

In order to give a ready reference of my work all these years in this place, I am appending herewith a short extract of a few remarks and am also enclosing herewith the Visitors' Book of my Rural Dispensary for a kind and detailed perusal. One of the Presidents under whom I served is now a Hon'ble Member of the Cabinet of the State Government, the established policy of which is sought to be nullified and a grievous wrong is done to me. The latest inspection report of the District Medical Officer dated 26-9-1952 says--"This was a surprise inspection. It is a pleasure to note that the Medical Officer has kept all registers up-to-date. He continues to do well." And the District Board President's review of the Inspection Report in his F.Dis.22772 (R.F.G.) 52 dated 14-10-52 says, "The good work done by the Medical Practitioner, Rural Dispensary, Bajpe, as seen from the above Inspection Report is noted with pleasure."

In addition to my professional work, I have been doing a good deal of social work also here as is well known to all. To state briefly--I was Secretary of the Committee ~~xt~~ to start a private High School here; President of the local Harijan Committee; member of the Prohibition Committee; Chairman of the Village Food and Ration Committee; Member of the Mangalore Taluk Food Advisory Committee; President of the local Co-operative Stores; President of the Committee to present oil paintings of Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to the High School here. I was also President of ~~th~~ all the local Committees organised for reception of esteemed

personages such as -- Shri Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India; H.E. Archibald Nye, Governor of Madras; Shri A. B. Shetty, Minister of Agriculture; Shri B. Parameshwaran, Minister of Rural Welfare; Shri R. R. Diwakar, now Governor of Bihar; The late Shri Khurshedlal, Dy. Minister of the Union Government and other Officials and Non-Officials dignitaries.

In the reception given in the local High School to Shri B. Parameswaran, Minister of Rural Welfare in the latter half of 1951, the Hon'ble Minister publicly stated that he was glad to learn that Dr. Kamath apart from his good professional work, was doing a lot of social service and the Government were thinking of suitably recognizing the services of such persons in village uplift work. At this meeting, among others, Dr. U. P. Mallya, M.L.A. and Shri U. Parashurama Nayak, Revenue Divisional Officer were present.

I was also responsible to collect good donations for the Quetta Earthquake Relief Fund, the Bihar Earthquake Relief Fund, not to speak of all other local relief measures. Even when there was some difficulty to begin expeditiously the work of the Mangalore Aerodrome, my services were requisitioned by the officials and the Chamber of Commerce, Mangalore, for peacefully getting the consent of a large number of owners of land to enter upon the land even before any compensation was paid to them. I have stated all the above matters not for self glorification, but only to disabuse the mind of the Government of misrepresentations, if any, made in a partisan spirit. Instead of recognising all these self-less services as stated by the Hon'ble Minister, it looks as if I am to be penalised for no fault of mine. To press my claims in a constitutional manner is no crime.

As I had all along been serving the District Board the question of age-limit does not arise. I learn that in Tanjore

District last year a Rural Medical Practitioner who was aged 54 years was on Appeal appointed by the Government to the post of the Medical Officer of the Regular Local Fund Dispensary. I have also very recently read in the papers, the Union Health Ministry appealing even to retired medical men to come forward to work in National Health Schemes.

I had already submitted in my Appeal Petitions dated 28-2-1953 and 16-3-1953 that the procedure adopted in opening the Primary Health Centre without first consulting the District Board and considering the same in its meeting, and then suggesting the closure of my Rural Dispensary was wholly irregular and a breach of contract and a breach of faith as per the agreement to which the Government has been a party. This is evident from the fact that though the Primary Health Centre was opened here on 15-11-1952, the Rural Dispensary could not be closed till 18-7-1953, i.e. for over eight months, and this is a proof to show that the Community Project Department was acting in defiance of the State Government orders in the matter.

If the Community Project Scheme is a State Government Scheme the various orders of the State Government in force should not have been bye-passed, and the Policy laid down should not have been nullified. If the Community Project Scheme is not a State Government Scheme, the trampling upon the rights and privileges of one, who has all along been successfully working the established State Government Scheme and done signal service to the rural community, should not have been allowed without giving me adequate compensation for loss of my appointment and investments on building made to work the State Medical Relief Scheme.

I also understand that when the question of closing the Rural Dispensary came for consideration in the meeting of the District Board long after the opening of the Primary Health

Centre, member after member critised strongly the action of the Project Officer in ignoring the Board; and only on the assurance of the President that he had recommended to Government for my being appointed as the Medical Officer of the Primary Health Centre, the matter was not pressed to a division. To have ignored the District Board which was maintaining the Rural Dispensary is a major irregularity.

I may also submit here that our Medical Associations, both the District and the Provincial have made suitable representations to Government about the injustice done to me.

Taking all the above circumstances into your kind consideration, I may kindly be appointed the Medical Officer of the Primary Health Centre here, and be retained here only for the duration of the Community Project Scheme for reasons stated in my previous Appeal Petitions.

It is requested that early orders may be passed in this matter.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,

28.7.53.

Encls:-(1) Visitors' Book of Rural Dispensary, Bajpe,
(2) Short Extracts of a Few Remarks from Visitors' Book,
(3) Copy of G.O. (MS) No.2296 Health dated 15th June, 1953

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
G.O.(Ms). No.2296, Health, dated, 15th June, 1953.

Abstract.-

COMMUNITY PROJECTS - South Kanara District - Primary Health Centre at Bajpe - Appointment of Sri M. Rangappa Kamath, ex- Rural Medical Practitioner, as Medical Officer- Orders passed.

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Read the following;-

1) From the President, District Board, South Kanara, R.C.No.26386-A.4/52, dated 13th December 1952.

2) From the Director of Medical Services, No.61201-G2, dated 3rd January 1953.

3) From the President, Panchayat Board, Kumbdaje, letter dated 7th January 1953.

4) From the President, Panchayat Board, Badiadka, letter d/- Nil.

5) From the President, District Board, South Kanara, Roc.A4.26386-52 dated 6th January 1953.

6) From the Director of Medical Services, No.61201-G2, dated 28th January 1953.

7) No.61201-G2/E1/52 dated 24th February 1953.

8) From Dr. M. Rangappa Kamath, appeal, dated 4th December 1952.

9) From the President, District Board, South Kanara, Roc.26386-A4/52 dated 10th April, 1953.

10) From Dr. M. Rangappa Kamath, appeal, dated 28th February 1953.

11) .do. .do. dated 15th March 1953.

ORDER:

The Government regret that they are unable to comply with the request of Dr. M. Rangappa Kamath, L.M.P., ex-Rural Medical Practitioner of Bajpe for appointment as Medical Officer of the Primary Health centre opened at Bajpe under the Community Project Scheme. His request to retain the rural dispensary at Bajpe and cancel the termination of his services by the District Board, South Kanara, cannot also be complied with.

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(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS)

S.A. SUBHAN,

Secretary to Government.

To

The President, District Board, South Kanara.

The Director of Medical Services.

Dr. M.R. Kamath (Para 1 only).

The President, Panchayat Board, Kumbdaje.

The President, Panchayat Board, Badiadka.

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True copy

Forwarded- By Order

Sd. T. Ramachandra Rao

Superintendent.

True copy.

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Short Extracts of a few remarks from the Visitor's Book:-

1. Inspected the dispensary on a surprise visit. Everything was neat and tidy. Books were all upto-date. This is an institution which is very popular and wherein satisfactory all round work is being done.

Sd. R. Ganpat Iyer
D.M.O. 21.3.1932.

2. "I have heard good reports at this place about the medical practitioner here and the work turned out by him"

Sd. A.B. Shetty
President Dt. Board, 22.4.1933.

3. "The Medical Practitioner appears to take pains to be useful to the Public"

Sd. A.C. Gonsalves
President Talk Board, Mangalore
5.12.1933

4. "The growth in the attendance of out-patients shows the increasing popularity of the institution"

Sd. A.B. Shetty
President Dt. Board, 12.8.1934.

5. "The Medical Practitioner is well spoken of here and he takes much pains and shows much sympathy towards his patients"

Sd. A.C. Gonsalves
Vice President, Dt. Board 5.5.1936

6. "The Practitioner is popular and is taking interest in his work"

Sd. H.R. Sadashiva Rao
D.M.O. South Kanara 26.10.1936.

7. "I understand from the public of this place that the Medical Practitioner is popular & efficient.

Sd. K. Vittal Shetty
President Dt. Board 10.9.1938.

8. "The Medical Officer in charge of the Dispensary has been doing good work which is very much appreciated by the villagers and he is very popular"

Sd. B. Venkatrao Baliga M.L.A.
Chairman Mangalore Municipal
Council 17. 5. 1939.

9. "It is understood that the Doctor in charge is popular and is doing good work"

Sd. A.S. Gurunathan
R.D.O. Mangalore 18.1.1940

10. "The Doctor is popular and takes keen interest in his work"

Sd. A. Laxminarayana Rao
President Dt. Board 29.7.1940

11. "The Doctor (M. Rangappa Kamath) is very popular and gives modern treatment. He is an acquisition to this place"

Sd. K. Ramachandra Rao
Dt. Health Officer 4.11.1947.

12. "Paid a surprise visit to the Dispensary at 4 p.m. Found the Medical Practitioner busy attending to patients though Rural Dispensaries are not required to work in the afternoons"

Sd. M. Sunder Rao
P.A. to the Special Officer
Dt. Board 25.8.1948.

13. "Dr. Kamath is an enthusiastic Medical Practitioner taking interest in his work and striving to make the Dispensary popular and useful to the rural public"

Sd. M. Sunder Rao
P.A. to the Special Officer
Dt. Board 10.4.1949

14. "I find from the remark of the D.M.O. that the Dispensary is well run"

Sd. B.M. Hegde
President Dt. Board 27.4.1950

(True extract.)

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Health Dn.

Routine.

The necessary D.O.s which are required for the submission of this case have been called for from the CRB & NRO.

2. Time may kindly be allowed for the submission of this case till 20-8-53.

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SUBJECT :— Community Project - S. Kanara District - Primary Centre at Bajpe in Medical Officer - Appointment of - Orders Passed.

READ AGAIN G.O. 2296 P.H. dated 15-6-53. 19

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READ *ALSO* :—

No. Petition From the Dr. M. Rangappa, Kamath, No. , dated 28-7 1953.

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Order Ms. ~~Resolution Rout.~~ No. 3413, dated 17. 9. 1953.

The Government regret that they cannot revise the orders already passed in the G.O. cited above.

2. The Special Officer District Board South Kanara may appoint Dr. M. Rangappa Kamath in the Rural dispensary to be shifted from Bajpe to Badiadka if he is willing to accept the offer.

Approved as per para 2 of the order.

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To The P.O. D.B. S. Kanara.

" D.H.S.

Dr. M. Rangappa Kamath Para 1 only with Visitors Book of Rural dispensary Bajpe

" P.P. B. Kumbadaje " Badiadka.

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Petition from Dr. M. Rangappa Kamath L.M.P dated 28.7.53

Sub:- Community projects - S. Kanara District - Primary Centre at Bajpe - Medical Officer - Appointment of.

Till recently there was a subsidised rural dispensary at Bajpe, in S. Kanara district. Dr M Rangappa Kamath L.M.P. has been in charge of the dispensary since 1926. Under the Community project scheme a primary centre was opened at Bajpe, as a consequence of which the rural dispensary at that place became superfluous and was closed. Dr. Kamath protested against the closure of the rural dispensary & requesting petitioned to the Government that the primary centre should be opened at it Some other station and if this was not possible he should be appointed as a medical officer of the primary centre. At the Project 'Advisory Committee' and the Project Executive Officer did not consider him suitable for appointment His request was turned down in G.O. No. 2296 Health dated 15-6-53. Attention in this connection is invited to the notes and orders NF circulation at pp 10-11 of the G.O. The doctor has now appealed to the Government for reconsideration of the avoid reasons In view of the definite opinion expressed against him, it is doubtful whether there is any case for reversing reconsideration

decision

2. In the linked file it is proposed to approve the shifting of the rural dispensary from Bajpe to Badiatka. The Special Officer South Kanara District Board may perhaps be asked to appoint Dr. Kamath in the rural dispensary at Badiatka if he is willing to do so. Accept the offer.

Remarks draft at 1 min issue

3. The file may be sent to Public (C.P) for remarks.

JRR 29.8.53

SRK 1.9.53

Cno 25226A/53 2.9.53

Publ (C.P.)

Public (CP) Deptt.

Please see the notes of Health Deptt under 1-2 above. ~~may be perused and~~ The ~~views~~ terms of that Deptt in paragraph 2 above may be agreed to in this Deptt and the file returned to Health Deptt through L.A. Deptt

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LA(G). Pnbcl No mono 25226A/53 dy 4-9-53.

The note of the Health Department and Public (CP) Deptt at pgs 1-2 above may be perused and the file returned to Health Department.

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Health (L3)

The notes of Pub (CS) and L-A depts on p 2 ante may be perused. Draft order put up below for approval.

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